

## John Knox Presbytery "Region 5" Prayers

Each week we will be remembering in our prayers clergy and churches in our area of John Knox Presbytery. During this next week we lift in prayer the *Rev. Lisa Taylor* and the First Presbyterian Church in Baraboo where she serves and their pastor.

### Confirmation

During the Wednesday evening services in Lent, the Confirmation Class will be leading us on a "tour" of Jerusalem @ Passover time. This is a "you are there" type of experience where voices are heard - but people are not seen! But, each week we will need a few additional "voices" to participate. There is a "sign-up" sheet in Parry Hall for those who would like to be a part of this experience. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Dave

### Fat Sunday

On Sunday, February 26 we will celebrate our annual "Fat Sunday" experience. This year we will be sharing in a "New Orleans-style" worship service led by a "Dixieland Musical Group" organized by Dan Evans, band director from Pardeeville. Following the worship you are invited to come and share in a potluck meal and bingo in the Dining Room.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING @ PPC

#### Monday, February 13

5:00 p.m. Events Committee, Dining Room  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Parry Hall

#### Thursday, February 16

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Interim Training,  
Dining Room

#### Friday, February 17

Articles due for March Newsletter

#### Saturday, February 18

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. John Knox Presbytery, Dining Room  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Community Meal at Episcopal Church

#### Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m. Sunday Class  
10:05 a.m. Informal Worship

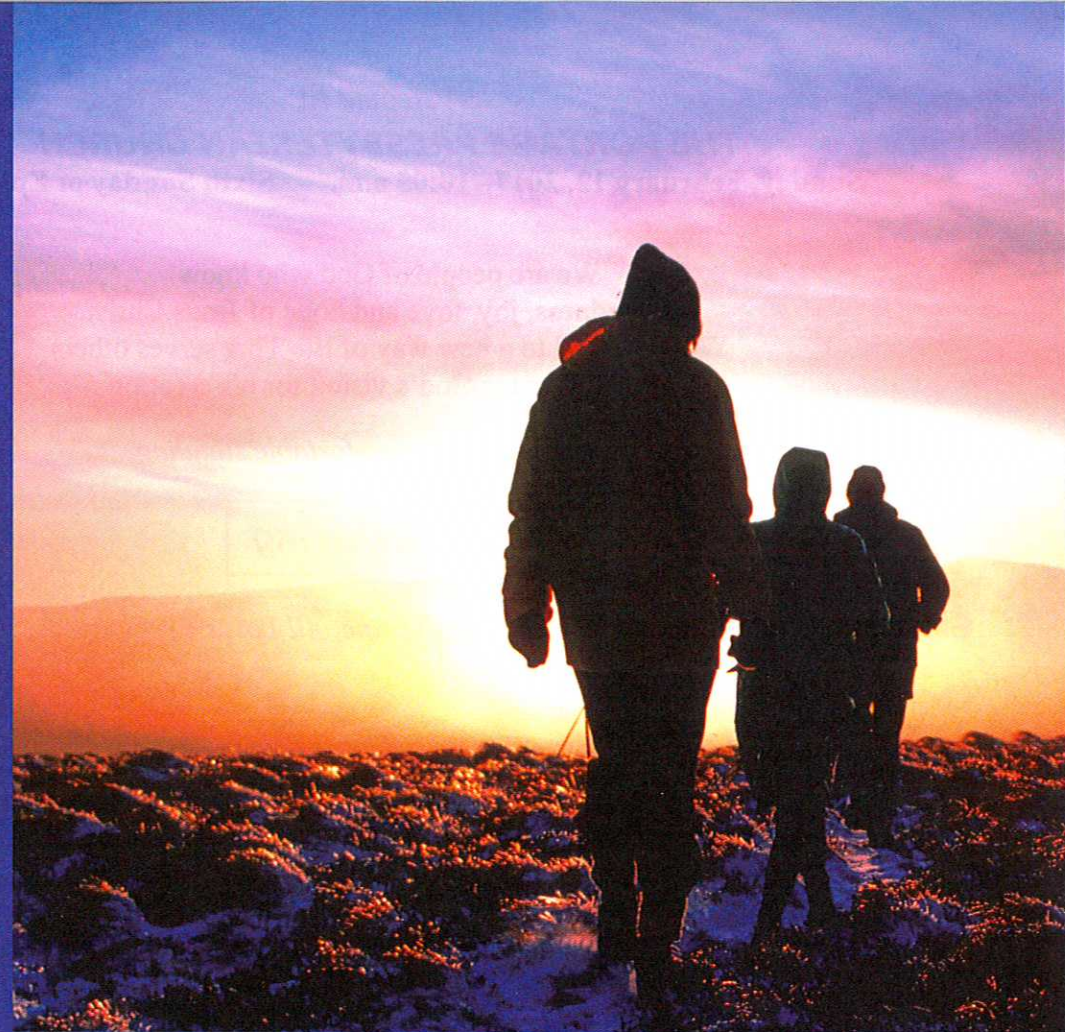
#### Wednesday, February 15

5:00 p.m. Light Snack  
5:30 p.m. Lord's Lambs/PEACE  
6:05 p.m. Worship  
6:30 p.m. Chancel Choir  
Rehearsal  
6:45 p.m. Confirmation  
7:30 p.m. Worship "Jam"

#### Monday, February 20

1:00 p.m. Bible Study,  
Dining Room

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HAPPY ARE THOSE... WHO WALK  
IN THE LAW OF THE LORD

PSALM 119:1

Welcome to

**THE PORTAGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Sunday, February 12, 2017– 10:05 a.m. Sixth Sunday of Epiphany

We are people of God who know  
the goodness, joy, love and hope of Jesus Christ.  
We are called to a new way of life That serves others  
and Celebrates God’s vision for his creation

*\* Stand, if you are comfortable standing.*

*The Gathering*

Gathering Of The People

*“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

Choral Introit

Chimes

Welcome And Announcements

Call To Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

People come from the north and the south, from the east and from the west to be cared for and nourished and to be with God and God’s people.

**So we come today – those who come from different directions, different life experiences, different groups and jobs, different places, different stories to be told, different generations, different ideas.**

And yet, here we come together – with a sense of unity that is stronger than our differences; with a sense of calling that is greater than is beyond that which we might do by ourselves; with a sense of God’s presence that encourages us and empowers us in good and unsettling ways.

**And with a joy and peace that is beyond our understanding and yet real! A joy and a peace that has to be experienced – and shared together.**

So we come together – different and yet One – to worship God.

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name: Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response # 49 *“Lead Me Lord”*

Giving Thanks With Our Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above Ye heavenly host.  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Offering Prayer

*The Sending*

\*Hymn # 202

*“Amazing Grace”*

(Red Hymnbook)

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response *“Spirit Of The Living God”*

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

\*Postlude

Serving You Today

Pastor

Rev. David J. Hankins

Organist

Cordelia Connor

Chancel Choir Director

Judy Taylor

Greeter

Allison Foster

## \*Prayer Of Confession

*O God, who provides all that we need, hear our prayers that we lift before You this morning: for those who hunger and for those who are full; for those who need You desperately and for those who seem to be doing just fine for those who celebrate the grace and mercy that sets us free to live our lives and for those who desire a different way; for those who trust in You with all our hearts and minds and for those who find it difficult to trust anyone; for those who proclaim we are "self-made" people and for those who humbly pray for God to remake us into a "new creation;" for those who find life exciting and upbeat and for those who feel as though life is surely going to overwhelm them and pull them under. Wherever and however we find ourselves coming to You we pray that in this time, in this place we will once again hear and experience Your healing, Your peace, Your hope, Your presence. This we pray in the name of our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen*

## An Opportunity for Silent and Personal Prayer

## \*Assurance Of Pardon

Come to me, we are told, come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. This is the good news of the gospel:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

May we know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

*All: Amen.*

## \*Acclamation Of Praise # 623 "Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen.

<i>The Word</i>
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Chancel Choir Selection      *"Sing To The Lord A New Song"*      Wyrzten

Scripture Lesson      *Matthew 14:13-21*      Page 848

A Time With The Young People

This Morning's Message

A Time of Silent Reflection

### *The Thanksgiving*

\*Hymn # 381      *"Open My Eyes, That I May See"*      (Red Hymnbook)

\*Affirming Our Faith      from "The Brief Statement of Faith"

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the broken hearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving His life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating His sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we can rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen

Sharing The Joys And Concerns Of The Church Community

Prayer Song # 2193      *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"*

Silent And Personal Prayers

Pastoral Prayers